

**PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES – September 5, 2012**

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. All three commissioners were in attendance: President Bill Amos, Louis Jody Fortwendel, and Thomas Hauser. A representative of the *Perry County News* along with County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

Tom made a motion to approve all claims and payroll checks, and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The claims dockets were approved in the amounts of \$189,383.45; \$68,647.90 for Highway claims; and advances of \$1,516.05 and \$82,155.40 for a total of \$341,702.80. The payroll docket was approved in the amount of \$115,119.88 for the payroll that had been distributed on August 27, 2012.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the meetings of August 6, and August 15, 2012 had been mailed to the commissioners for their review. Jody made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ORDINANCE- REGARDING PAYMENT OF REALS ESTATE TAXES**

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, stated that the County Auditor had asked to have Ordinance O-C-98-8 amended to include that when a person is redeeming any property sold at tax sale or commissioner's sale they can only make the payment with cash, money order or certified or cashier's check. Tom made the motion to approve the Ordinance and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "A" Ordinance O-C-12-10)

**AGREEMENT – RECORDER SOFTWARE**

County Recorder, Jane James, presented the commissioners with a Computer System and Software Lease Agreement for their approval. Jane explained the recorder's office is doing a software upgrade to their computer system. They will be using the same company, Fidlar Technologies, which they have used since 1999, because they have been very satisfied with the service they receive from them. The County Attorney had reviewed the agreement and found it to be in proper legal order. Jody made the motion to approve the agreement and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**PERRY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Chris Goffinet, County Attorney and also attorney for Perry County Memorial Hospital explained that several months ago the hospital had attended a commissioners meeting to discuss the plan of building a new hospital. They are now attending the meeting to ask the county for a property tax backup on the project. He explained that the hospital is looking at a 40 year loan in the amount of \$40 million with a fixed rate of interest from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Rural Development). Before Rural Development will approve the bonds it requires that the county provide property tax backup on the loan. Chris explained that at this time the hospital plans to repay the loan with hospital revenue. If for some reason the hospital would not have the money then the county would have to make the payments with property taxes.

Joe Stuber, president and CEO of the hospital explained why a new hospital is needed. He noted several major problems that have happened over the last several months to the 62 year old building. The hospital plays a major role in the Economic Development for Perry County along with providing well-paying jobs. The plans have been approved by the Federal and State governments and will take approximately 24 months to build.

John Ketenbrink of the Laughlin, Millea and Hillman architectural firm in New Albany provided an over view of the proposed hospital. The 117,000 square foot health care facility will sit on 38 acres already owned by the hospital. Patient rooms and an intensive care unit will be on the top floor of the two-story building. Emergency room,

radiology, surgery and other major departments along with outpatient services and office space will be on the first floor.

Doug Montgomery with Eide Bailly, a CPA firm, explained that his firm had been hired to do a study on the financing of the project. He explained that his firm was very conservative when doing the estimated statement of cash flow for the 40 year bonds. Taking everything into consideration the report shows that the hospital should have enough funding to make the payments. He explained even if the Medicare reimbursement percentage would change over the years there should still be enough income to make the bond payments.

Gary Malone with Umbaugh & Associates explained that their company had been hired to do the financial work on the project. He stated that all reports show that the hospital will always have enough revenue to make the payments. He does not think the hospital will have to use a property tax backup. He explained that if they would ask for the property tax backup, the county could pay the bonds from any fund and would not have to be a tax rate. The hospital would be required to pay back the funds.

Jody asked Mr. Stuber if the hospital has any plans for the old hospital. Mr. Stuber stated the board has looked at several options, but until they know when they can move into the new hospital they are not marketing the building.

Council member Chet Mathena asked if the ambulances will be housed at the new hospital, and Mr. Stuber stated that yes they will be located at the new hospital, but still owned by the county.

Chris Goffinet explained that the hospital was asking the commissioners to pass a Resolution between the Perry County Hospital Association, Perry County, and the Board of Trustees of Perry County Memorial Hospital. The Resolution states that the Perry County Hospital Association was created for the purpose of financing, acquiring, constructing, equipping and leasing to Perry County and the Board of Trustees, the land and buildings to be used for hospital purposes.

Jody stated the he was ready to move forward with the project and feels it will be an asset to the community. Tom stated that everything that had been said made sense and he was also ready to move on with the project.

Jody made the motion to enter into the lease with the Perry County hospital Association and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (See Attachment "B")

#### **FUNDING FOR COUNTY**

Jim Carter attended the commissioners meeting and explained that he is looking into a way all 92 counties could receive some of the State's \$2 billion surplus. He suggested that any of the county officials that will be attending the upcoming AIC conference should push for the money, and also talk to their local State Legislators. He stated he did not understand why Perry County is not working with other counties to get their share of the money. Jim stated that he is working on legislation to present to the State that would get all 92 counties \$6 million dollars over a 6 year period to be used for infrastructure within their counties. Jim stated that he plans on contacting all 92 counties about this project, and is asking that people work with their local state officials. He feels someone from Perry County needs to stand up and be a leader for Perry County on this issue.

Tom stated that he takes offense to what Jim is saying, because he does work very closely with our local state officials. He stated that he is in contact with them all the time.

Jim stated that he is not against the county, but feels that the county should get its share of the surplus.

Teresa announced that the next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting ended in open session at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

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Bill Amos, President

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Louis Jody Fortwendel

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Thomas J. Hauser

*Minutes prepared by:  
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor*